

REGULAR MEETING

**RC-1 PRESENT: RICHARD DELLAPENNA, ALFRED
TEDESCO, JR., MICHAEL CHEREPKO,
DARRYL SEGINA, REGIS
McLAUGHLIN, FAWN WALKER**

Ms. Williams said Mrs. Diggs is ill and will not be able to attend this evenings meeting.

Also present were City Administrator Dennis Pittman, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash, and members of the Administration.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To approve the minutes for the Public Hearing of August 31, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2010."

RC-2	YEAS:	DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER.....	6
	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received a copy of a memorandum sent by Police Chief Bryan Washowich to Mayor James Brewster, RE: Halloween. Halloween has been scheduled for Sunday, October 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Received two letters from Mark Depretis, Manager, Government Affairs, Comcast, Keystone Region, RE: Important Information-Service Level Change and HD Technology Fee Launch.
- Received notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that the City's Estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2011 is \$474,823.27.
- Received the Weed and Seed Monthly Reports for the months of August and September.
- Received notification from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste Task Force. They are sponsoring a Fall Pharmaceutical Pickup, which is being scheduled for Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a \$3.00 per participant flat fee and it is located at the Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building.

Mr. McLaughlin said the Mayor is not present to give his report but Mr. Pittman will be substituting in his place.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Pittman said the Mayor is going to be late so he is going to fill in until the Mayor gets here and let the Department Heads give their reports. He said the Mayor did suggest that the Department Heads give their reports just like the young ladies that they took to the Prom ... in a dress that is short enough to keep it interesting

but long enough to cover the subject. He said that was a joke. He said as short as he is, he can't see which Department Heads are over there so they will start alphabetically by height with Fire Chief Kevin Lust.

- Fire Chief Kevin Lust said he did not give a report for the last three months so he just wanted to keep it short and sweet. He said that over the past three months they had 52 fires including building fires, cooking fires, and outside rubbish fires. He said there were 75 rescue and emergency medical incidents such as landing zones and motor vehicle accidents with injuries or fires. He said there were 50 hazardous conditions such as natural gas and carbon monoxide. He said there were 26 service calls that include lockouts and elevator entrapments. He said there were 17 good intent calls that were dispatched and cancelled enroute or smoke scare/odor of smoke. He said the total alarms or incidents for the last three months was 292. He said there have been 886 incidents this year. He said Mr. Pittman asked him to call and ask about the boat that was on order in California. He said he just got off the phone with the gentleman and they are running a little bit behind. He said they will probably have the boat by the end of October but it may be the middle of December. He said he told the gentleman that the river here does freeze, which he could not believe because he is right outside San Diego.
- Mr. McLaughlin said why didn't Mr. Pittman give Kevin plane fare so he could just go out and check it out.
- Mr. Pittman said that is ironic that Mr. McLaughlin would mention that because they are supposed to make a visitation before they make payment.
- Chief Lust said yes, and every time they call, they say it is out of the mold and ready to go. He said their dive team went through all of the dive classes. He said their

team consists of seven firemen and four police officers. He said they are certified right now for advanced water, scuba, and are going into ice rescue as well. He said the only thing he might add onto that is that they will be looking into getting more diving gear. He said he doesn't know whether Council got memos or not but Region 13 has picked the City up and given them about \$70,000 worth of river rescue equipment from the County. He said anyone is welcome to come down and see that equipment. He said now all they need is a place to put it and secure it so it doesn't leave the area. He said they have an inflatable rescue boat, called an Avalon, with a jet-powered motor. He said they are now considered a regional rescue center with that equipment which is a great honor for McKeesport to earn. He said they actually wrote thank you notes to Bob Full for considering McKeesport a Regional River Rescue Center. He said the more they get certified, the more they will receive from Region 13. He said they are continuing the fire inspections of the nursing homes, schools, hospitals, and occupancy permits. He said that is all he has to report.

- Mr. McLaughlin said how did Mr. Cerci make out over the weekend.
- Chief Lust said he did not do well. He said the trucks will be parked in Renzie for another week. He said the Fireman's Challenge is in Renzie Park and it is a nationally recognized event. He said Cerci placed 8th this year and he is used to placing either first or second.
- Mr. McLaughlin said give him Council's congratulations anyhow. He said the competition itself is something.
- Chief Lust said Mr. Cerci had a booth down there too and he thinks it was overwhelming with the twins that he has

at home now too. He said he did well considering his age and the run that they do.

- Police Chief Bryan Washowich said good evening. He said he would like to give them some statistics from August because he missed the last meeting. He said in August the police orange-tagged 70 vehicles of which 15 of those vehicles were towed by the police department. He said the traffic department placed two autistic child signs in the 600 block of Ridge Street. He said they issued 141 traffic citations and made 221 physical arrests. He said there were 64 vehicles orange-tagged in September of which 16 were towed on police demand. He said they replaced two stop signs that were faded, one at Garbett and Patterson and one at Dinsmore and Patterson. He said all of the vehicles' fire extinguishers were serviced and they are up to code on all of those items. He said there were 244 traffic citations issued in September under Phase III of their Aggressive Driving campaign. He said there were 178 physical arrests in September. He said they participated in the National Take-Back Day, which was advertised and sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration concerning anyone with any outdated prescription. He said they were received with an overwhelming response. He said they could not believe that so many people responded and brought their outdated prescriptions to the police station to be destroyed so it was very successful. He said that is all he has and asked if anyone had any questions.
- Mr. Segina said he just wanted to compliment Chief Washowich and his department, especially Tom Green, for how they handled the problem up on Grover Street. He said he had quite a few neighbors talk to him about the problem and they handled it so well that the problem people moved to Glassport. He said the landlord was also brought before the Magistrate.

- Chief Washowich said the Landlord was charged under the Ordinance.
- Mr. Segina said that is great news. He said he was out at International Village one particular year and the same people were living in that house, about 30 of them and got into a big fight out there. He said he thought they were going to start throwing punches. He said someone mentioned to him that this was the group that was causing problems on Grover. He said it was handled expeditiously and forcefully and they now have a good neighborhood up there.
- Chief Washowich said thank you very much. He said are there any other questions.
- Ms. Walker said she has a comment not a question. She said yesterday they were talking about how the City will be getting new parking meters and how they will be enforcing the parking more. She said they were talking about maybe having a work session where they would get a more laid out plan about the enforcement to make sure that it is fair enforcement when it comes to giving tickets to everyone and maybe having more than one person She said does he have any future plans for enforcement.
- Chief Washowich said actually he and Mr. Pittman have been discussing a few different options concerning parking enforcement. He said he has not researched it enough to actually give her an honest opinion tonight but he thinks between he and Mr. Pittman and with her input, of course, they will talk and try to get some sort of strategic plan to do it across the board, do it efficiently and do it cost effectively.

- Ms. Walker said she just wants to make sure it is fair enforcement and that everyone gets tickets regardless of who they know or don't know. She said they were talking about having a work session about it before they get the meters so they can all sit down and develop some type of strategy to make sure it is fair and it actually occurs.
- Mr. McLaughlin said the only thing he has is that they just had a K-9 Golf Outing and he would appreciate it if the next time the Police or Fire Department has some type of outing that Council gets a memo on that ahead of time so they can be involved also.
- Chief Washowich said yes sir.
- Mr. McLaughlin said he thinks they should also be involved.
- Chief Washowich said he totally agrees.
- Public Works Director Nick Shermenti said good evening. He said there are a few things going on in the Street Department. He said they finished paving the main streets this week but they will still do some hot patching and crack sealing within the City and will continue that for two more weeks. He said they are repairing the plows and salt spreaders and getting ready for the winter months. He said there was a lot of damage to the equipment last February so there are a lot of things that need to be repaired and rebuilt. He said they are also getting ready for the cleaning of the leaves. He said when the leaves come down they will have the vacor trucks come to the Seventh Ward and clean them up. He said they get credit on that in the recycling grant so it is a big deal for them. He said the Traffic Department is installing the poles for the parking meters on Fifth Avenue and has two blocks done. He said the timepieces are not in

yet so they will wait to put them up until all the parts are in. He said the Parks Department is getting ready to close all the ponds and fountains, turn the furnaces on, take the air conditioners out of the windows, and shut the air conditioning units down. He said he just wanted Council to keep one more thing in mind and that is that they had to patch the roof on the Main Pavilion. He said it will need a new roof next spring. He said they stopped the water from coming in for the winter but they will probably need to put a new roof on next year. He said that is all he has.

- Mr. Pittman said Patrick
- Mr. Cloonan said they may be the official newspaper of the City of McKeesport but
- Community Development Director Bethany Bauer said good evening. She said in addition to the parking meters being installed on Fifth Avenue for the Hometown Streets project, the new lampposts are also being installed. She said the garbage cans and planters have arrived. She said they are being stored in Cox's lot. She said the decisions need to be made where they will be placed but everyone can take a peek at them, they look pretty nice. She said the Community Development Department is also starting its process for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program and held a public hearing earlier this evening. She said that process has opened up and she will be going through that with the Department and with all of the Councilors.
- Mr. Pittman said he has one other item from the Mayor's side. He said the Mayor has asked him to begin the 2011 Budget process and he will be meeting with all the Department Heads to get their input. He said they also have input from big expenses regarding Workmen's Compensation and medical insurance and know what the Pension Plan obligations will be. He said the last piece of that is, and he has spoken with some

of the banks, and they have requested and the City is going to comply, that they get quotes on the Tax Anticipation Note early. He said he will be getting those letters out to all the banks this month and they should have that number in November. He said he asked the banks whether they would be holding that number through January regardless of where the markets go in the November election and they have all said yes. He said they should have an interest rate for the Tax Anticipation Note for the November meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Mr. Tedesco said he first wanted to send get well wishes Mr. Malinchak. He said he wishes him a speedy recovery. He said because this is the final Council Meeting before next month's election, he wanted to encourage everyone to get out and vote and take part in the process. He said the registration deadline was this past Monday but for those who cannot make it to the polls they have until October 26 to register for absentee ballots. He said he brought absentee ballots with him if anyone wants one tonight. He said to help anyone along, if they want to give him their absentee ballot request, he will take them downtown and save them the cost of a stamp and the trip and turn it in for them. He said if anyone needs that service, he will provide it for anyone. He said that is all he has.
- Ms. Walker said she just wanted to reiterate what they talked about last night at the work session about perhaps someone on the School Board contacting them about the new school. She said they have not been contacted yet about the new site. She said she doesn't know where the new site is going to be. She said she is just trying to extend an olive branch to someone and she sees Tom is here tonight. She said maybe they could talk to at least one of them about the new school

and where they plan on building it because they really haven't been included in that whole entire process. She said she was riding through downtown a couple of days ago and she saw some of the business owners just sitting outside on chairs outside their businesses. She said she knows McKeesport has a lot of pride and she wants everyone else to see that so they have to be careful about letting everyone else seeing people ... she doesn't know if she wants to call it "lounging" or whatever the case may be ... they just have to be careful about how they present the pride they have. She said they shouldn't be sitting in chairs in front of their buildings ... it doesn't look

- Mr. McLaughlin said is she talking about businesses or just sitting in chairs in front of buildings.
- Ms. Walker said she doesn't know if it is the owners or the employees but the people just have chairs and just sit out in front of their buildings.
- Mr. McLaughlin said what area.
- Ms. Walker said it was Fifth Avenue and Walnut.
- Mr. McLaughlin said Fifth Avenue and Walnut.
- Mr. Segina said they were getting their seats for the parade probably.
- Mr. McLaughlin said that is in Canonsburg, it's not here.
- Ms. Walker said she has one last thing. She said did they pick a date for the public hearing for the Penneco Drilling. She said she knows they are going to do that before they start to drill and she wants to make sure they pick the date. She said she doesn't know if they need to wait until later.

- Mr. Elash said they just finalized the addendum to the lease and have not even executed the lease yet.
- Ms. Walker said so is it something they can do now or should they wait. She said when are they going to start.
- Mr. Elash said he doesn't know Penneco's time frame and he thinks they have up to two years to begin drilling once they sign the lease and start paying. He said if the City is going to have a public hearing then he would think they would want to do that before they execute the lease.
- Ms. Walker said should they wait until next month to do it.
- Mr. Cherepko said when are they going to execute the lease.
- Mr. Elash said they can execute as soon as tomorrow, so he thinks if they are going to have a public hearing they should set it up immediately. He said he knows Mr. Pittman is very anxious to get the money in his hands.
- Mr. McLaughlin said okay, who is going to set it up. He said who should set it up, the Administrator, the Mayor.
- Mr. Elash said does Council want to be there. He said, if so, then they will set it up at whatever time works best for them.
- Mr. Segina said, of course they want to be there.
- Ms. Walker said yes, as long as it is after 5:00.
- Mr. Segina said he is sure some citizens want to be there too.

- Mr. Cherepko said they should set it up in the evening.
- Mr. Elash said is there any day of the week that is better for anyone, in the evening. He said this is not something that is required at all, in any way, shape, or form, so they can advertise and it is up to them how much notice they want to give the public.
- Mr. Pittman said they would want the representatives from the Company to be present as well.
- Mr. Segina said maybe they could have it before the next caucus meeting like the meeting they had last night where no one showed.
- Mr. Pittman said they will shoot for November 2.
- Mr. McLaughlin said that is Election Day.
- Mr. Pittman said that is the Caucus Session before the November meeting.
- Ms. Williams said they are going to move it.
- Mr. Cherepko said will Mr. Pittman get in touch with the company then.
- Mr. Pittman said they can probably pretty much pick a day that he is sure they would be there but in deference to their schedule, maybe they need a couple of dates to make sure they can come.
- Mr. Cherepko said maybe they can do that to make sure they can come and make sure it is in the evening too because some of them work.
- Mr. McLaughlin said why don't they shoot for October 21, it is a Thursday.

- Mr. Segina said no, they are going to Brewster's thing.
- Ms. Williams said she will be out of town.
- Mr. McLaughlin said how about Thursday, October 28.
- Mr. Pittman said he will try for that date first and will call Penneco tomorrow and check on that date.
- Mr. Elash said what time are they going to do that.
- Mr. Cherepko said if they are going to do that then they probably could do it right before their Caucus meeting. He said if they are going to push it that far, they might as well just have them come at 6:00 before the Caucus meeting. He said if they are going to move the Caucus to November 1, then do it then.
- Mr. McLaughlin said he thinks they are going to have quite a few people and it is going to be a long ordeal.
- Mr. Tedesco said that is a good point.
- Mr. Cherepko said yes they should shoot for October 28.
- Mr. McLaughlin said they should have it on the 28 and have it at the Palisades.
- Mr. Tedesco said as long as it is in the evening.
- Mr. McLaughlin said at 6:00, is that a good time.
- Mr. Elash said is the Palisades free on Thursday.
- Mr. McLaughlin said the Palisades is free anytime for the City.
- Mr. Elash said unless they have an event scheduled.

- Mr. McLaughlin said he wouldn't think they would have an event scheduled.
- Mr. Elash said they could probably go downstairs too because they have a big meeting room in the back that they could use.
- Mr. Pittman said he will make that phone call with Patty in the morning.
- Ms. Walker said she knows the Public Hearings are advertised.
- Mr. Elash said they will advertise it. He said what time, 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Segina said they will be meeting with Penneco, correct.
- Mr. Elash said yes, but they will not be addressing Marcellus concerns, they will be addressing surface drilling.
- Mr. Segina said why is Marcellus Shale coming in here.
- Mr. Elash said he doesn't know.
- Mr. Segina said they were supposed to be in here last night and they did not show up.
- Mr. Elash said he thinks it was requested by Council that they come in to discuss that process as well. He said that was his understanding of it. He said he thought they were coming in to discuss the Marcellus process. He said they have not started down that road yet.
- Mr. Segina said that is why he is wondering why they are listening to them.

- Mr. Pittman said he thinks they are basically going to discuss the ancillary issues along with that which is the treatment of waste water and the process that it takes to get Marcellus irrespective of where you do the digging so they understand the hazards if any and the mitigation responsibilities. He said they are not talking about anything site specific.
- Mr. McLaughlin said are they talking to two different companies, one for gas drilling and one for Marcellus Shale.
- Mr. Segina said but why would they talk to them, they have no agreement with them or anything. He said they have shown no interest in even coming into this town.
- Mr. Tedesco said they just wanted to make a presentation to them.
- Mr. Cherepko said this company came to them first.
- Mr. Elash said people had expressed some concern and the Mayor said he wanted to bring them in to talk about the process from the perspective of the tax that is about to be imposed and statewide how this is going to be exploding (bad choice of words) or taking off. He said he wanted to give them a chance to come in and answer some concerns and questions before they started down that path.
- Mr. Segina said they are having a Public Hearing with Penneco then regarding the lease.
- Mr. Elash said yes, a Public Hearing about the lease the City is about to execute. He said it will be a public hearing and they will let the public come and talk. He

said they can hold a public hearing any time they want about anything.

- Ms. Williams said it will have to be taped and recorded and all that.
- Mr. Dellapenna had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina had nothing to report.
- Mr. Cherepko said he just wanted to mention something that they talked a little bit about last night. He said there was an article in the paper regarding the flyover ramp. He said apparently, there were some outsiders who were very critical of the start of the construction of this flyover ramp. He said there were two main concerns that were mentioned. He said one was that the cost of the ramp will increase significantly by the time the construction is concluded. He said that concern is the furthest from the truth because the fact is that the contract has already been awarded and the price is \$6 million, isn't that correct Mr. Pittman.
- Mr. Pittman said it is \$5.9 million and some change, so \$6 million is correct.
- Mr. Cherepko said he doesn't even know why they contacted people out there personally in regards to what is going on here. He said he would not have any comment for anything that is going on up that way. He said that is a whole other story. He said his other comment and concern that was mentioned is that the ramp does not guarantee the City that businesses are going to come because there are other things it takes. He said he believes along with this Council and this Administration that the other pieces of the puzzle are taking place. He said the fact is that the missing piece of this puzzle is this flyover ramp. He said as a matter of fact, they have three companies right now that are

looking to come into that mill site. He said one was mentioned in the paper the other day, U.S. Green Energy, which is going to produce solar panels. He said they are probably looking at approximately 225 jobs. He said between the three companies, they are looking at the possibility of 1,300 jobs coming to McKeesport. He said these companies made it very clear that without that flyover ramp, they would not even consider coming to McKeesport. He said he just wanted to comment on that and found it ridiculous that the comment was even made by outsiders. He said this flyover ramp is a critical piece to the redevelopment of that millsite. He said that is all he has to report.

- Mr. McLaughlin said he agrees with what Mike has just said and also wants to add that the Republican and the Libertarian that are running for Senate had nothing to do with the flyover ramp and should not have been contacted about it. He said he thinks that Mayor Brewster, who is also running for Senate, should have also been contacted and allowed to respond to these two gentlemen. He said that is all he has.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

No citizens were present who wished to speak.

TABLED BILLS:

BILL #160: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MANSFIELD BRIDGE.

Mr. McLaughlin said that Bill #160 will remain on the Table.

BILL #49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A ZONING APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT AN ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AT THE FORMER PALKOVITZ PROPERTY AT THE END OF EASLER AND ALLISON STREETS, McKEESPORT, PA.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To remove Bill #49 from the Table."**

RC-3	YEAS:	DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER.....	6
	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

MOTION: **Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko, "To adopt Bill #49."**

RC-4	YEAS:	NONE.....	0
	NAYS:	DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER.....	6

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #10-14 – BILL #69: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP, THE NEWLY APPOINTED TAX OFFICER OF THE SOUTHEAST TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE, TO COLLECT 2012 INCOME TAXES PURSUANT TO 53 P.S. §6924.513(b).

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venture down there. He said he is not opposed to annexing it as part of Renziehausen Park but he is not so sure that if they do annex it, they can have that commercial venture on that Park property. He said he would like to have something in writing from Mr. Elash stating that the covenant would cover their rear end if they do approve this as far as commercial ventures on any Park property. He said once they put that on there, in other words, are they allowed to go onto that property and drill. He said he knows that Mr. Elash mentioned that there are certain sections and deeds and that, but he would like to see it even for any future ventures that come out of Renziehausen Park so they know and understand the covenant that is presented to them. He said it has been a long time and it will take some research because they will have to go back to the early 1900's if not the late 1800's.

- Mr. Elash said he can assemble all of those deeds and he would probably hire an abstracting company to do that. He said they could identify them and show what restrictions there are on what parcels. He said as far as something in writing, he can write a memo that the current deed for this property contains no restrictions.
- Mr. Segina said he would first like to see a survey of the property so they know what they are annexing too. He said that will have to be done anyway.
- Mr. Elash said yes.
- Mr. Segina said the survey could be made part of that so they know what is made part of the Park.
- Mr. Elash said he would imagine that would have to be done if the trail is going to be extended into the property. He said that would be a valuable thing to have regardless.

- Mr. Segina said the original covenant ... and he is not trying to make this a money venture for someone to go out there and study this, but the original covenant that was placed on there should tell them exactly what they can and cannot do in Renziehausen Park. He said he knows there are no horses allowed in there and that is part of the covenant. He said that goes back a long way and he knew that from when he was working with the City.
- Mr. Elash said he can tell them, he has never been familiar with any piece of legislation that discussed horses in Renzie Park. He said it just hasn't been brought to his attention.
- Mr. Segina said he is just saying that is just one part of the covenant that he remembers was included. He said who and when it was discovered, he has no idea, but he is sure there are other covenants in the deed. He said he just wants to be clear before they okay this. He said the second part of that is that he doesn't know why the trail was put into the same ordinance as annexation of this to Renziehausen Park.
- Mr. Elash said that was at the request of the Administration when he was drafting it. He said that was what he was requested to do.
- Mr. McLaughlin said if they go back, and he doesn't know how far back, the Palkovitz property should have a lot and block and that should give them the dimensions of everything they have.
- Mr. Elash said there are five parcels altogether. He said previously there were five separate lot and block numbers so when they look at the county map, there are five separate blocks that comprise what they are referring to as the Palkovitz property. He said what he was saying yesterday was that through their research of the ordinances of the City, they have not found any ordinance that sets what can

and cannot be done in Renziehausen Park. He said the restrictions that people have talked about over the years as far as building private homes in Renzie Park or selling off pieces of it in order to build homes, that was the last time this was looked at. He said there is not an overall restriction that was placed on Renzie Park when it was created, but of all of the little parcels that were donated or taken through eminent domain, the ones that were donated may have had restrictions on them made by the donor that if they were ever used for non-public purposes or commercial purposes, they would revert back to the donor. He said those, from what he understood from speaking to people historically, were the problems and they did find some deeds that had those types of restrictions on them. He said they are talking about deeds from the turn of the century.

- Mr. Segina said can they get his written opinion on this. He said he thinks they need that in order to make an intelligent decision on this, because it is such a big deal since it is 20 plus acres. He said the second part is the nature trail itself. He said he made it known that he is opposed to having the nature trail here. He said that however is up to Council and the Administration whether they want it there or not and he is only one guy. He said he thinks what would be prudent for all of them is to have some kind of committee or the Recreation Commission study that particular area up there so they can come back with some ideas. He said maybe that is the best use for that area or maybe a nature preserve up there would be better or something else. He said that maybe they could maybe combine it with a partial walking path through that area. He said twenty acres is a pretty good walk. He said he would like to make a motion based on those two components to table Bill #71 until they get the written opinion from the Solicitor and whatever viewpoint they have on the Nature Trail itself.

- Mr. Tedesco said he agrees with Darryl and thinks there are enough questions out there on this subject that maybe they should look at first. He said he doesn't think there is any rush to do this. He said is there any benefit to doing this immediately.
- Mr. Pittman said he thinks the thought the Mayor has was that they would then identify it as part of the area that would be eligible for RAD funding. He said he doesn't know if they would necessarily be initiating any saving with RAD funds and certainly would not this fiscal year.
- Mr. McLaughlin said roll call.
- Ms. Walker said which motion are they voting on.
- Mr. Elash said there was a motion to adopt, then questions on the motion and there has to be a vote up or down on the motion.
- Mr. McLaughlin said do they either have to vote to adopt the Bill or not.
- Mr. Segina said he made a motion to table the bill and if they have a second on it, then they should vote on whether to table the Bill yes or no.
- Mr. Cherepko said how can they do that if they had a motion already on the floor that they did not vote on.
- Mr. Elash said he does not believe the Motion to Table would supersede. He said the motion to Table would have had to been made prior to the motion and second to Adopt the bill. He said if they vote the Bill down, they can then vote to Table the Bill. He said he is just trying to give them a way to do it to keep it on the Agenda.

- Mr. Segina said then they have to vote no for it and then Table it if that is the wish of this Council.
- Mr. Elash said who seconded the motion to adopt.
- Ms. Walker said she did.
- Mr. Elash said she can withdraw her second. He said if she withdraws her original second, then Mr. Segina can make the motion to Table.
- Ms. Walker said she withdraws her original second on the motion to adopt Bill #71.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To table Bill #71."**

COMMENTS:

- Mr. McLaughlin said how long will it take Mr. Elash to get this information together.
- Mr. Elash said on this piece of property, he will actually make a written request to RAD because there have been concerns expressed that RAD will have a problem with this. He said they spoke with RAD briefly about it and there did not seem to be an issue with it. He said he will get something in writing from RAD.
- Mr. Pittman said Mr. Brown made a presentation at their August meeting with RAD and discussed that possibility and the RAD Board and Solicitor who was present at the time, did not have a problem with it at that time.
- Mr. Elash said he will get something in writing from them too.

- RC-7** YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6
- NAYS: NONE..... 0

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MOTION: Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #74."

- Mr. Segina said he would like to commend Mr. Coulter for the work he is doing with this. He said this is a lot of work he is doing and he has to buckle down to do it and it is a long report. He said Mr. Coulter has done such a great job for them under this program.

RESOLUTION #2010-56 – BILL #75: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FY-2010 HOME CONSORTIA GRANT AMOUNT OF \$310,913.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR FY-2010 IN THE ABOVE AMOUNT.

MOTION: Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To adopt Bill #75."

- Mr. Segina said this is \$300,000 in grant money. He said he would like to know what purpose that serves and what benefit the City gets from it. He said please explain the cities involved first of all so the audience knows what she is talking about.

- Community Development Director Bethany Bauer said this is a cooperative agreement with the Department of Economic Development of Allegheny County and includes the municipalities of Penn Hills and the City of McKeesport. She said these municipalities have come together to access some federal dollars called Home Money. She said if McKeesport was not in this Consortia, the City would be eligible to apply for the funds separately and might be able to get funding. She said she believes that HUD recommended that the City join the Consortia about ten years ago because it is a guarantee of the resources. She said the resources are for renovation of homeowner properties in town and are traditionally a lien placed against the property. She said she believes ... Mr. Haughey is here as the Director of the Housing Corporation and can correct her if she is wrong ... but work tends not to exceed \$24,999 because of the guidelines of the program regarding how long the property needs to be liened. She said in addition, there are also some lead based paint requirements if those renovations go over \$25,000.
- Mr. Segina said so the McKeesport Housing Corporation has been using that particular amount of money.
- Ms. Bauer said yes, for years.
- Mr. Segina said thank you.
- Mr. McLaughlin said they have been tied in with Penn Hills for a while.
- Mr. Segina said they vote on this every year and he never understood why.
- Ms. Bauer said at one time the City Administrator and she used to joke about the fact that it is a Consortia although Allegheny County thinks they are the big dog and they run

the program and administer the program. She said that is okay with them.

- Mr. Segina said as long as the big dog writes the checks.

RC-11 YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGina, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2010-57 – BILL #76: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77 OF DECEMBER 3, 2008 TO MODIFY THE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE CDBG BUDGET CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING KNOWN AS B-09-MC-42-0106 AS PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED STRATEGY AND PLAN SUBMISSION FOR FY-2009.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #76."

RC-12 YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGina, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2010-58 – BILL #77: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-8 OF JANUARY 9, 2008 TO AMEND THE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE CDBG BUDGET CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING KNOWN AS B-08-MC-42-0106/B-09-MY-42-0106 AS PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED STRATEGY AND PLAN SUBMISSION FOR FY-2008/CDBG-R.

RC-13 YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RC-14 YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RC-15 YEAS: DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO,
SEGINA, McLAUGHLIN, WALKER..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Segina said he would like to ask Dennis if there is any chance that they could have those railings painted over there to complete the job along with some of the concrete stanches on the curbs are messed up. He said can they get the County to rule on that or someone to ... they are doing everything else over there and they have that mess. He said it looks terrible, even the railing coming down off the Mansfield Bridge.
- Mr. Pittman said he thinks if they entertain that, it is outside the scope of work for PennDOT and they have not included it in any CDBG budgets but would probably have to do that out of the General Fund.
- Mr. Segina said first of all who owns that railing.
- Mr. Pittman said that is a very good question.
- Mr. Segina said that is a disgrace if you look at it, it is so pitted and ugly and they have this beautiful road now. He said everyone coming into this town can't wait to go the other way to get out of there.
- Mr. Pittman said he will work with the Solicitor to verify ownership. He said they know it has been pitted probably from the pollutants from the railroad and the salt. He said he is not sure who has ownership but they will verify it and if the City owns it they will try to come up with a strategy to get it painted.
- Mr. Segina said then Mr. Elash will give them a written report on that.
- Mr. Elash said he can do that.

- ### CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

- MOTION:** Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "For approval of payment of the bills in the amount of \$57,679.83."

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NAYS: NONE.....0

ADJOURNMENT:

President of Council Regis McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Regis T. McLaughlin
President of Council

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